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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for the response. Attached herewith are a Declaration by Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D., and an article by Hanna and Mornin.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.